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Masahiro KIYOTOSHI) Group Art Unit: 2812
Application No.: 10/721,082) Examiner: Jennifer M. Kennedy
Filed: November 26, 2003)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No.: 7869
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)

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Sir:

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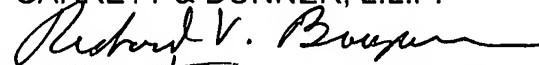
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 2002-141417	05-17-2002	FRANK YOUCHII, et al.		
		JP 05-090489	04-09-1993	TANAKA MASAHIRO		
		JP 60-060751	04-08-1985	URIYA SUSUMU et al.		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
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